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REMARKS

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1. Three U-2 biplanes, and 66 jet planes (type 14 ?) with swept-back wings, high rudder assemblies, nose wheels, silver paint, and some with red and others with blue noses, were seen at the Laerz (N 54/U 33) airfield. Aircraft crates were piled in a row on the western edge of the field.
2. There were no hangars, and there were billeting facilities for only about 150 men. Most of the quarters were northwest of the Ellerholz (N 54/U 33) railroad station. Repair hangars were not seen. Railroad tank cars were standing on the spur track at the field. The fuel was put into tank trucks and hauled to the bunkers on the southern edge of the field. Radio installations were not observed. There was no flying.
3. Four railroad tank cars at the Ellerholz railroad station had black-bordered white labels with a green triangle and the inscription: Dispatch railroad station Wittstock (N 54/U 11), receiving station Ellerholz [redacted]
4. All planes were covered with tarpaulins, except for eight jet planes with a silver sheen, which were parked on the western edge, apparently as alerted aircraft. Three red lights, from 30 to 50 cm high, were on both the eastern and western ends of the runway. *

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* [redacted] Comment. Jet planes of type 14 have been previously observed at Laerz airfield, 66 being last reported. It is believed that about 75 percent of the fighter regiments of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army are equipped with type 14 jet planes. [redacted]

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